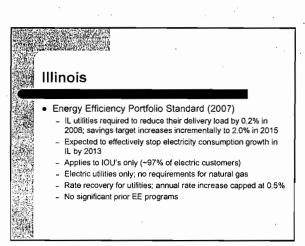


Minnesota • Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 • Transitions MN from spending goals to savings goals - Utilities have an annual energy-savings goal of 1.5% - Applies to all utilities, both gas and electric - Utility can request a lower savings goal, but no less than 1.0% - Utilities must operate under energy savings plan by 2010 • Strong EE programs to begin with • EE goals part of a goal of reducing GHG emissions 15% by 2015, 30% by 2025 and 80% by 2050 (from 2005 levels)



Vermont

- "Efficiency Vermont"
 - Independent nonprofit, founded in 2000
 - Funded by charges on utility bills, which vary by utility (~2.2% of revenue in 2004)
 - In 2004, VT had highest EE spending per capita at \$22.50 (lowa \$9.76)
 - Programs & savings audited and verified by outside entities

Delaware Legislation in 2007 created "Sustainable Energy Utility" Serves all energy users, all fuels Goal of 30% reduction in household & business energy use by 2015 Other focus areas: low-income weatherization, customer-sited renewables (300 MW by 2019) Working capital from tax-exempt bonds; also funded by charge on utility bills May be able to meet all RGGI emission reduction targets through SEU



Wisconsin

- Hybrid of third party and utility-run programs
 "Focus on Energy" public benefits fund program administered by WI Energy Conservation Corporation (\$62.9 million in FY 2005)
- 5 IOU's run additional programs (\$38.8 million in FY 2005)
- Program restructured in 2006: Utilities fund & contract for programs directly with third party administrators
 Avoids raids of public benefit fund
 1.2% spending requirement for all electric & natural gas utilities



Considerations

- · Arguments for utility-run program:
 - Focus on end results (energy savings) Does program design really matter?
 - If a good utility-run program, does it make sense to start from scratch?
 - EE programs can be incorporated into utility resource planning
- Arguments for third party program:
 - Inherent tension: Utilities in business of selling energy vs. goal to sell less energy (can be addressed through cost recovery)
 - Energy efficiency sole focus of operation

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